# **MINUTES**

### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NAIRN AND HYMAN



Monday July 14, 2025

The Regular Council Meeting was held at the Nairn Community Centre on Monday July 14, 2025, at 8:29 p.m. (The meeting was open to the public and recorded to allow for viewing on our website)

PRESENT: Amy Mazey Mayor

Trevor McVey
Wayne Austin
Rod MacDonald
Karen Richter

Deputy Mayor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

Belinda Ketchabaw CAO, Clerk Treasurer

### **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

NIL

#### **DELEGATIONS**

Mathieu Gagnon - Founder, CEO of WEST (Waste, Energy, Solutions Technologies) - attended the meeting to discuss with Council a proposed waste management solution. WEST processes the waste and in turn it is used to produce clean energy that can be used as a source of electricity, heating and cooling. WEST would need to purchase land, build a facility within Nairn and Hyman Township.

#### ADOPTED COUNCIL MINUTES

**RESOLUTION # 2025-8-149** 

MOVED BY: Trevor McVey SECONDED BY: Karen Richter

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following council minutes be accepted as presented:

a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2025
 b) Closed Session Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2025

CARRIED

### **RECEIVED MINUTES AND REPORTS**

RESOLUTION # 2025-8-150 MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes and Reports Items 7 a) - f) are noted as received.

**CARRIED** 

#### **HUTCHINSON ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES LTD.**

**RESOLUTION # 2025-8-151** 

MOVED BY: Karen Richter SECONDED BY: Trevor McVey

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accepts the Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd – Agnew Lake Niobium Transportation Risk Assessment – Technical Review dated June 20, 2025, as presented.

**CARRIED** 

### MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES AND MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND PLACEMENT OF TAILINGS

**RESOLUTION # 2025-8-152** 

MOVED BY: Karen Richter SECONDED BY: Trevor McVey

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Ministry of Transportation has proposed the transportation and placement of approximately 18,600 cubic metres of niobium mine tailings from the Nova Beaucage Mine and associated MTO gravel pit to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area, located within the Township of Nairn and Hyman;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ministry has submitted technical documentation, including a Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA) and Conceptual Site Model (CSM), which have been independently reviewed by Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. on behalf of the Township;

**AND WHEREAS** Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. report raises serious concerns regarding the adequacy of risk modeling, leachability assessments, hydrogeological characterization, biological monitoring, and long-term containment of radionuclides and toxic metals;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township has recently learned that the Ministry of Transportation intends to transport an existing stockpile of niobium tailings to Clean Harbors, a licensed hazardous waste treatment facility in Sarnia, Ontario, raising the question as to why all of the niobium tailings are not being managed in the same manner;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman formally opposes the transportation or placement of niobium tailings at the Agnew Lake TMA

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Stephen Lecce, the Minister of Energy and Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; MP Jim Belanger; MPP Bill Rosenburg; MPP France Gelinas; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities

**CARRIED** 

### CREATE A BILLBOARD RESOLUTION # 2025-8-153

MOVED BY: Trevor McVey SECONDED BY: Karen Richter

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council is directing staff to get costs to create a billboard; and the possibility of planning a protest; contact Georgian Bay Cottagers Association; and contact OFAH; and encourage letter writing; and look into possible legal action; and Council approves a \$3000.00 budget.

**CARRIED** 

## CAO'S REPORT #2025-25 ENTITLED RADAR SPEED SIGNS ON HIGHWAY 17 – MTO RESPONSE AND ALTERNATIVES

**RESOLUTION # 2025-8-154** 

MOVED BY: Trevor McVey SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**WHEREAS** Council has received the CAO's Report #2025-25 entitled "Radar Speed signs on Highway 17 – MTO Response and Alternatives" for information; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs staff to install the speed sign on the westbound side of MacDonald Street and switch Minto Street sign to westbound and look into MTO permission for McIntyre Street.

**CARRIED** 

### **MUNICIPAL SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

**RESOLUTION # 2025-8-155** 

MOVED BY: Trevor McVey SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the Municipal Superintendent's Report to Council

dated July 4, 2025, as presented; and

**FURTHER THAT** Council directs Public Works to start cleaning sidewalks and vegetation around sidewalks.

**CARRIED** 

### **COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION # 2025-8-156** 

MOVED BY: Trevor McVey SECONDED BY: Karen Richter

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Community Parks and Recreation Committee

minutes, dated May 13, 2025, as presented; and

**FURTHER THAT** Council thanks the family of Michael Vagnini for the generous donation to the recreation committee which was made in his memory.

**CARRIED** 

# BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NAIRN AND HYMAN

**RESOLUTION # 2025-8-157** 

MOVED BY: Trevor McVey SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

RESOLVED THAT "Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the

Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman" be read a first, second and third time, and finally passed in open council and its number shall be 2025-22.

**CARRIED** 

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION # 2025-8-158** 

MOVED BY: Karen Richter SECONDED BY: Trevor McVey

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting of July 14, 2025, do now adjourn at 10:05 p.m. to meet

again on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025, or at the call of the Mayor.

 Mayor	
 Clerk	

These minutes shall not be considered as official minutes until they have been approved by council at their next meeting.